

30 July 1970

TO : DIAXX

ATTENTION:

FROM : DIAXX-4

SUBJECT : Reduction of DIA/NPIC Spaces in FY 1971

1. The following six DIAXX-4 positions are identified per your request, as those that would be sacrificed in the event of a 5% manpower reduction imposed on our office in FY 1971:

<u>JTDRN</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
06357	Intel. Officer	Ops. Div/IEG/NPIC USA
01652	Intel. Officer	Ops. Div/IEG/NPIC USAF
00090	Intel. Officer	Ops. Div/IEG/NPIC USAF
01650	Intel. Officer	Ops. Div/IEG/NPIC USN
05616	R&D Officer (Photo Equip)	TSG/NPIC USA
01695	Asst. Operations Officer, DIAXX-4	Civ.

2. As you are aware this office suffered a net loss of three positions as a result of an Agency-wide reduction in FY 1970. Only one of these, a LTC USAF billet in the Technical Services Group, was taken from NPIC. The other two were lost from the DIAXX-4 Liaison Staff which is outside the functional control of the Center and therefore not counted against the DIA/NPIC commitment. In the event that we would be required to undergo a further reduction of six spaces in this fiscal year, only one could be taken from the Liaison Staff without rendering it ineffective and the remaining five spaces would have to be cut from the NPIC staff as shown above.

3. No PI spaces would be affected in this reduction and the loss to NPIC would occur in other-than-PI functions. Four of these spaces would be taken from the Operations Division of the Imagery Exploitation Group (OD/IEG). They are currently authorized to provide DIA assistance and support in IEG report production management, test and evaluation of prototype PI equipment, and conduct of multisensor and other specialized exploitation study programs. The loss of four spaces in the Operations Division would reduce DIA's participation to one professional civilian and would impact heavily on this IEG support activity.

4. The fifth DIA/NPIC billet that would be deleted is that of a military R&D specialist in the Technical Services Group (TSG). The incumbent is responsible for monitoring and coordinating R&D activities concerned with development and design of advanced PI equipment, processes and techniques. DIA has in

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the past contributed six senior scientific and engineering personnel to the TSG to provide DIA backup and assistance in this national reconnaissance R&D activity. In return the Agency has derived full benefits from the research in terms of sharing in the results of advanced equipment design and in the general advancements in the state of the art of the image exploitation process. A further reduction in the DIA input to this function beyond the space lost in FY 1970 would reduce the DIA/TSG staff to four personnel and would considerably lessen the Agency's influence and role in national reconnaissance R&D activities.

5. The sixth position susceptible to loss in the event of a reduction is that of Assistant Operation's Officer in the DIAXX-4 Liaison Staff. The Liaison Staff, under full DIA functional control, is responsible for liaison between DoD and the NPIC and serves as a focal point for DoD requirements levied on the Center. Additionally, the Staff is responsible for providing all administrative and personnel support to the DIA/NPIC contingent. In FY 1970 this Staff sustained the loss of two of its six positions. The loss of an additional billet from this Staff would jeopardize the liaison function at the Center and would severely restrict the administrative support provided to the DIA/NPIC staff.

6. Regardless of DIA's capability to absorb a reduction at the NPIC without affecting the PI staff, the abolishment of any of the above DIA positions at this time would be viewed as a breach of faith by DIA in its relations with the National Center. DIA currently derives support from all Center non-PI resources while contributing only minimal assistance to these activities. The Center has to date fully supported DIA non-PI requirements but with the planned introduction of advanced reconnaissance systems later this year, this non-PI support capability will be severely tasked. A reduction in the limited resources now provided by DIA in the face of repeated NPIC requests for DIA assistance in these non-PI areas could result in a limitation or curtailment of certain NPIC services and most assuredly would give an impression of a lack of real interest in the National Center on the part of the Agency.

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